

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding construction of Eight-way lane between Salem and Chennai -laid.

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SHRI DNV. SENTHIL KUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI): The proposed Eight-Way lane between Salem and Chennai, which is being protested by the locals, farmers and others passes through my constituency Dharmapuri-Harur for a distance of 56 kms affecting 2000 acres of land and 2500 families are getting affected due to this new lane which is being constructed.

We are not against construction, but there is already 4 to 6 lanes between Chennai to Salem via Vellore and via Tindivanam and Chengalpattu. So these lanes can be extended to 8 lanes. Under this project, a lot of existing Agricultural Land will be lost. Further, a lot of Government buildings and natural resources will also get affected. 17 Panchayats under this project come under Dharmapuri Parliament Constituency, through which roads will pass through. The local villagers and panchayats are ready to pass the resolution in the local Gram Sabha. Once the resolution is passed, it will pose problems as it reflects the sentiments of the people.

